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Kuttoor-Peringom road in Payyannoor firka, North Malabar.

* 249 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state what are the reasons for not completing the construction of Kuttoor-Peringom road and Kuttoor-Chapparapadavu road in Payyannoor firka in North Malabar?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The road from Kuttoor to Peringom has been formed and it is now maintained by the Malabar District Board.

The road from Kuttoor to Chapparapadavu has also been formed except for a bit of two miles and further work on the road has been stopped due to financial stringency."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether it is a fact that even in the roads that have been constructed, it is very difficult to travel either by car or by cart, because people say that passengers travelling by those roads will have to insure their lives before undertaking a journey by those roads? That being the condition of the roads, will the Government be pleased to take steps to construct good roads as soon as possible?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" It is true that many of the roads are not travel-worthy or motor-worthy. Many village roads are like that. Government are making all efforts to get them repaired."

Procurement price of paddy in Malabar district.

* 250 Q.—SRI KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE (on behalf of Sri K. M. Seethi) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) when the increase in the procurement price of paddy was sanctioned for the Malabar district;

(b) whether the increased price has been paid to the persons entitled to receive it; and

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the negative, the reason for the delay in the payment?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) From 1st January 1952.

" (b) & (c) Payment of the increased procurement price of paddy to all the ryots entitled to receive it in Malabar district has not been completed. There is still an amount of Rs. 16,954-10-4 outstanding payment. This balance represents cases covered by defective applications not accompanied by proper vouchers in evidence of sale of paddy, cases of non-appearance of claimants at the disbursement centres in spite of previous notice and cases in which claimants are dead and their legal heirs have to be found out."